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Ontario considers raising tuition 500 per cent Scrounging in empty pockets

BY NAOMI KLEIN

TORONTO (CUP)—Ontario's provincial government will consider raising tuition by 500 per cent according to a memo from the province's deputy minister of revenue.

The leaked memo, addressed to all deputy ministers by then-provincial Deputy Minister of Revenue Kim Noble, described the initiative.

"An inter-ministerial working committee has been established to develop ideas on new major revenue generators across the Ontario Public Service," said Noble.

The proposals in the memo include taxing provincial student grants and selling student loans to banks. They were made in response to the province's \$10 billion deficit.

If university tuition was increased 500 per cent as suggested, students would pay at least \$10 000 a year.

Nicole Seguin, spokesperson for the Ontario Federation of Students,

said she was surprised the government is considering actions that contradict its policy of freezing tuition in the short-term and eliminating it in the long-term.

"They are looking at a 500 per cent increase in tuition fees and making grants more inaccessible when students are facing increasing costs with less money," said Seguin. "I think this demonstrates a real desperation on the government's part to increase revenue."

One proposal in the memo is to levy a three per cent tax on Ontario Student Assistance Program grants and to increase tuition to make students pay for the full cost of their education.

Currently, undergraduate tuition represents approximately 18 per cent of the full cost of a student's education. The rest is funded by government transfer payments to universities.

Student loans are presently administered by the government, not by private banks, and except for a three per cent tax on federal student

loans, student grants are not taxed.

Farrah Jinha, president of University of Toronto's student council, criticized the government's method of evaluating post-secondary education spending.

"It kills me. They don't ask anyone how they can look for solutions but instead just hit the students," Jinha said.

Government officials at the Ministry of Colleges and Universities and at the Ministry of Treasury and Economics said the list of civil servants' ideas will be considered by the government.

"I can't rule out anything, I can't rule in anything either," said Bob Parker, senior advisor to the minister responsible for post-secondary education. "The memo is for the treasurer's information—he may decide some are viable."

Parker added that the ideas came from the treasurer's office and not his ministry.

"For these projects to see the light of day, they would have to go through the ministry of colleges and



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universities' office."

Larry Till, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Treasury and Economics, said the information in the memo will be considered by Ontario's treasurer.

"It is just an ideas paper. Nothing is written in stone," Till said.

"From here the treasurer will move it through the treasury board and then through cabinet."

Till said a decision on whether to use the recommendations will come in the spring before the next provincial budget.

The resignation of two student councillors makes a bad start to the year Student federation at U de M gets a shakeup

BY ALAIN MCPHERSON

Montréal (l'Affranchi)—The resignation of two top councillors at Université de Montréal's student federation (FAECUM) has shaken confidence in the credibility of the association.

FAECUM's General Secretary, Michel Sardi and Laurence Brillion, coordinator for external affairs, announced their resignation in a letter on September 18, citing personal reasons.

Jonathan Lapointe, financial coordinator and acting General Secretary, said he accepted the reasons for the resignations, and he thought FAECUM was better off without them.

"The only problem was that Sardi and Brillion were not motivated," said Lapointe. "It's good that they quit their posts."

The departure of the two councillors was seemingly prompted after the two were refused backstage admittance to a concert organized by FAECUM.

FAECUM councillors were permitted to have free backstage admission, provided that they arranged it beforehand. Sardi and Brillion just showed up on the night of the concert.

They announced their resigna-

tions the next day.

The resignations reflect growing concern about the federation, which has been accused in the past of being too self-absorbed and inaccessible.

"The resignation of the two members comes at a bad moment for this federation, which doesn't always have unanimity," said an article in the FAECUM controlled paper, *Continuum*.

In an internal report last March, FAECUM itself recognized some of its problems.

"Student money must go directly to servicing the causes, local or national, or needs of students, scholarships, bursaries, loans, quality of education, and not to financing bars, mega-parties, or large beer drinking contests."

The report was written in part by Victor Portela, a former FAECUM councillor, who expressed concern about the problems



Michel Sardi (ex-FAECUM executive)

facing the federation.

"The federation is going towards the image of a corporation," said Portela. "They are in a vicious circle. They create unnecessary needs which in turn creates administrative problems."

Sardi and Brillion could not be reached for comment.

Rediscovering African history

BY DAN ROBINS

Well over 200 people showed up last night for a lecture on African presence in pre-Columbian America, given by Dr. Ivan van Sertima.

Van Sertima is a professor of linguistics, anthropology and African Studies at Rutgers University, and a member of the UNESCO team for redrafting world history.

He dealt with African influences on South and Central American cultures, including linguistic and cultural crossovers, and brought up examples of African involvement in the American continent.

These include giant heads carved by the Olmecs, which showed a distinct African influence (which had previously been explained as the results of blunt carving instruments), and several skeletons from the time were undeniably African in origin.

He also noted that several crops (such as cotton and a type of bean) had crossed the Atlantic. In the past, it has always been

assumed by Eurofucked historians that, since Africans could never have made such a journey, it must have been birds. Or something.

Much of the talk, however, was taken up with talk of how European historians have systematically ignored African history and downplayed its importance.

Specifically he noted that 'history' has always concentrated on the great European civilisations (whatever they were) and 'primitive' African villages and hunter-gatherers, rather than empires such as Mali and Egypt. At the same time, evidence of early African technology (such as the astronomy of the Dogon in West African) was ignored.

If interested, you can check out the many books authored and edited by Dr. van Sertima, including *They Came Before Columbus*, *Blacks in Science and Black Women in Antiquity*.



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events

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Vision will be holding a general meeting today at 12:30 in the Multicultural lounge of the shippile. For more info, please call 844-2650.

The School of Community and Public Affairs presents prof. Garrison Nelso of the university of Vermont speaking on Can the United States Survive Another Presidential Election, in the Hall building of Concordia at 18:00 in room H-763, 1455 de Maisonneuve W. For more info, please call 848-2575.

Help prepare the agenda for the SSMU General Assembly that may or may not be held. Workshop two is slated for 18:30 at Thompson House, 3650 McTavish.

International Socialists will be discussing the ramifications of leftist policy and the Canadian referendum on the constitution today in 435 of the Shitner Bildung at 19:30

The McGill outing club goes for a romp in the woods, help them plan today at 19:30 in Leacock (that irrepressible bastard) 132.

ACT-UP is seeking new members. Meetings are today and every Wednesday 19:30 at 3600 Hotel de Ville. For more info, call 527-2423.



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late October.

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Vancouver Island First Nations declare Sovereignty

BY ALISA SMITH

VICTORIA(CUP) — Two Vancouver Island first nations have declared their sovereignty, and representatives promise a militant struggle against the Canadian government.

The Qwa-Ba-Diwa and the Laich-Kwil-Tach nations, both located in Southern Vancouver Island, never gave up their sovereignty, according to nation representatives. They claim they have nothing to negotiate except diplomatic ties.

The Qwa-Ba-Diwa claim an area bordered by Cheewaht River in the north, Cowichan Lake in the east, and Port Renfrew in the south. They have already begun blockades around their traditional homeland.

"We will take it as far as we have to. We will do whatever we have to to protect our sovereignty and protect our forests," said Terry DeLine, Qwa-Ba-Diwa and Laich-Kwil-Tach

Minister of External Affairs.

The claim area covers the controversial Carmanah and Walbran valleys, which have been at the centre of disputes between logging companies and environmentalists over

"We will also defend the land of the Carmanah valley and the Walbran valley with our laws, not the ones of the government of Canada or the government of BC," said Kwasistala. "We have worked to prepare ourselves should B.C. and MacMillan Bloedel (a lumber company) wage war on us. I am prepared to die for my people."

The two nations have applied to the United Nations, requesting recognition of their nationhood and protesting the Canadian government's refusal to respect their jurisdiction.

The two nations are in contact with a network of supporters across North America.

"I have been assured by American Indians, Mohawk warriors, Ojibway and others that they will come and assist us," said Kwasistala. "Enough is enough and we are pre-

pared to take out those weapons if that is what Canada wants."

Police arrested supporter Chris Parry for disregarding a court order banning roadblocks in the Carmanah

Walbran area.

The two nations have growing support from non-natives. An environmental group called Friends of Carmanah Walbran had formed a special sub-group to support the nations.

Using whatever works

As the Qwa-Ba-Diwa have to rebuild the structure of their government, due to the erosion caused by Euro-Canadian culture, they are using whatever works for them, DeLine said.

The Nation is using colonial governmental titles and the facade of their mechanisms to make it easier for the outside world to communicate with them, but this convention may or may not be maintained, depending on how well it works out for the Qwa-Ba-Diwa.

To give women a greater say in government, they are adopting a clan system similar to First Nations in Eastern Canada.

Women choose the clan chief, whose duty is to present the consen-

sus-reached views of the clan in negotiations with other clans. Women have the power to oust chiefs who do not properly represent the clan.

"It gives women a much more powerful voice," said DeLine.

DeLine said recognized sovereignty for the Qwa-Ba-Diwa would not mean a lot of changes for the people of BC.

Carmanah provincial park and Port Renfrew — both in the claim area — would remain as they are now, only under Qwa-Ba-Diwa protection instead of the BC government's authority.

Both Kwasistala and DeLine said the proposed constitutional reforms bringing in First Nations' self-government mean nothing to their nations.

"There is nothing for my people in self-government, Canadian style. That's why we cannot endorse the First Nations Assembly," said Kwasistala.

— Additional information from the Eastern Door.



first nations briefs

Milton Born-with-a-tooth gets retrial

Native activist Milton Born-with-a-tooth has won an appeal, on the grounds that the judge in his original trial refused to allow important defence arguments.

The Alberta Court of Appeal overturned seven weapons-related convictions in a 17-page document issued September 11. Born-with-a-tooth will get a new trial.

Born-with-a-tooth was jubilant at the decision. "We are the first case that has gone to the highest provincial court and we whipped their ass," he said. "This has exonerated the position of the Lonefighters and proved that we weren't a bunch of hoodlums."

The government charged Born-with-a-tooth after he fired two shots into the air during a September 1990 stand-off between RCMP and Peigan Lonefighters. The Lonefighters were trying to divert the Oldman river away from a newly constructed dam in Alberta.

Born-with-a-tooth was convicted on seven charges related to the incident, including pointing a firearm and obstructing a police officer.

The judge during the original trial, Justice Laurie Maclean, had sentenced Born-with-a-tooth to 18 months in jail.

The Appeal court found that Maclean had wrongly excluded an argument that Born-with-a-tooth was in peaceable possession of the land and used reasonable force to stop police from trespassing. Maclean also refused evidence about Peigan spiritual ceremonies held prior to the incident.

The appeal court also criticised defence lawyer Karen Gainer for failing to articulate appropriately why this evidence was important.

— Eastern Door and Windspeaker

Missing fish raise big stink

A program encouraging BC First Nations peoples to enter commercial fishing is under attack as stocks of fish become depleted.

After 100 000 sockeye failed to reach spawning grounds this fall, the federal government halted all fishing on the Fraser river. The cause of the disappearance of these fish is unknown.

Non-native commercial fishers are blaming the disappearance of the fish on Native overfishing.

They have staged protests and attempted hidden-camera videotaping to support these accusations.

The group representing them, the Fisheries Council of British Columbia, has filed a claim in the BC Supreme court to have the Native fishing program declared illegal.

Robert Clifton, president of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia, blamed a combination of climate change and government mismanagement.

"Those fish were never there," said Clifton. "Many of those fish were caught along the coast as they migrated shoreward due to the El Niño effect."

Clifton said most of the missing sockeye had been caught by coastal fishermen.

BC fisheries department regional director Patrick Chamut said the devastated fish stocks could not be explained by blaming the Native fishers.

— Windspeaker

Winnipeg cop to appeal

Robert Cross, the cop who shot native leader J.J. Harper is appealing the decision that he used excessive force.

Cross' lawyer, Al MacGregor said the decision of the Manitoba Law Enforcement Review Agency was inconsistent. While the five-member panel did not find Cross guilty of assault or careless use of his gun, they did find the Winnipeg policeman guilty of using excessive force.

The ruling which was split 3-2 did not recommend criminal charges against Cross. Cross instead faces internal discipline from the police. The two panel members who did not vote for the decision said Cross was justified in shooting Harper because the cop had reason to fear for his life.

Cross shot Harper in 1988, after police, looking for a car thief, stopped Harper on the street, despite the fact that Harper bore no resemblance to the suspect. An argument broke out, leading to a struggle between Harper and Cross.

Cross claims that Harper tried to grab his gun, and the gun went off accidentally as the two men fought.

Harper's family is suing Cross, the Winnipeg Police Department and the City of Winnipeg for damages. The suit should reach the courts early next year.

— Windspeaker

student movement briefs

Student Association asks for postponement

L'Association National des Étudiantes et Étudiants du Québec (ANEEQ), held a meeting of its extended central committee on September 24 and 25.

Among issues discussed were strategies for the upcoming provincial parliamentary commission of cégeps in Québec, including the possibility of tuition fees at the cégep level.

According to André Gagnon, executive member of ANEEQ, the association will ask the education minister to postpone the commission, now set for November 1, as it comes on the heel of the referendum.

"The minister said there would be debate over the subject of education," said Gagnon. "Well, right now all the debate is about the referendum."

"It is quite clear that the government is going to try and eliminate zero tuition for Cégeps," added Gagnon.

ANEEQ also announced its support for a No vote in the upcoming referendum. The association, traditionally very nationalistic, called again for Québec's independence.

Canadian federation not to take stand

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) has decided not to take a stand on the upcoming referendum.

"The issue is extremely divisive, as the opinion of members varies," said Jocelyn Charron, Communications chair for the CFS. "For the CFS to take a stand on this now would be impractical."

However, some members of Québec's student movement, such as ANEEQ, would have desired that CFS take a stand in favour of the No side.

"The CFS should have been in solidarity with the student movement in Québec," said André Gagnon, member of ANEEQ's executive. "But on the other hand it's better than them siding with the Yes side."

More Students just say No

Québec's other student federation, le Fédération Étudiante Universitaire du Québec (FEUQ), has also decided to say No to the latest constitutional proposal.

Serge Charlebois, president of FEUQ, said the federations decision was not an indication that FEUQ supported a sovereign Québec. FEUQ objected to specific conditions in the Charlottetown accord because it did not leave enough power with the provinces regarding educational issues.

"FEUQ says no, because in terms of education, the Charlottetown accord is unacceptable. There is no restraint placed on federal power in this respect," said Charlebois. "The federal government wants a Canadian educational policy."

by Dave Ley and Alain McPherson (of l'Affranchi)

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Setting trends in Centre-Sud

Independent candidates prominent in city by-election

BY DAMION STODOLA

The by-election promises to be a decision not only on the ruling Montréal Citizens Movement's (MCM) record, but also an indication of how Montréal politics will evolve in coming years. Candidates for the post include a Drapeau-era politico and four new faces in Montréal politics.

The by-election was called in May, following the death of MCM member Raymond Blain, the first gay councillor elected to office in Canada.

The Centre-Sud by-election is proving to be exciting and controversial. Local activist Claude Watters' decision to run for the MCM candidacy for the riding surprised some observers. Watters was formerly president of Alerte Centre-Sud, a networking association of community groups in the city's southeast.

Watters has not yet secured the MCM nomination, which will be decided at a meeting of party members next weekend.

Watters' decision was not expected by independent councillor and community activist Claudette Demers-Godley. "It came as a surprise to all of us," she said. "Watters has lost his credibility."

Watters defended his choice. "I've been a member of the MCM since 1975," he said. "And when I considered all the possibilities, I

wanted to remain in the MCM."

His decision opened the doors for a greater diversity of progressive candidates.

Residents of the Centre-Sud region are now faced with choosing between Sammy Forcillo of the Civic Party, Bernard Bourbonnais of Ecologie Montréal, and gay activists Gregory Thutko and Douglas Buckley-Couvrette, both who recently announced their candidacies as independents.

A conflict of interests

Affordable housing is one of the most talked-about issues in Montréal, especially in Centre-Sud, where low-income residents are prevalent.

Watters has been active in the community for 15 years, lobbying for residents' housing rights. His critics fail to understand his decision to run for a party whose plans for affordable housing have been sacrificed to the interests of large developers and speculators.

Watters' decision to run for the MCM not only alienated his constituency, but led many local activist groups to withdraw their support as a result of what they call a conflict of interest.

The MCM is widely seen by community activists as a party that

has strayed far from its original progressive ideals. The party was founded in the early seventies by a coalition of revolutionaries, feminists, and housing and anti-poverty activists.

Colossal MCM blunders such as those at Overdale, Anderson and Cloverdale, in which housing for lower-income tenants was threatened and/or destroyed, have left residents and lobby groups fearful. They are distrustful of the MCM, which recently decided to end a moratorium on condo development.

"There is a great deal of dissatisfaction and disillusionment with the (MCM) party," said Thutko. "They have fallen very short of their promises."

When confronted with the MCM's lack of credibility on housing issues, Watters said he has not stood by every MCM decision. "I was against Overdale and Anderson. I was at the picket line with everybody else."

Watters maintained he will continue to fight for his principles even if it means standing up to the MCM. "I wouldn't hesitate to criticise the MCM," said Watters. "I will not compromise what I've been fighting for, for the sake of a party."

But Demers-Godley pointed out the approach the MCM takes

with dissidents, "There is no room for discussion or dissent," said Demers-Godley — "you are earmarked and ganged up on." Early dissidents in the MCM broke off in the party's first mandate and formed their own party—the Democratic Coalition of Montréal. Other dissidents in the MCM, such as west-end housing activist Arnold Bennett and MCM councillor Michael Prescott, have chosen to fight the party from the inside.

The Gay Village

A key issue for candidates is how each would represent the ward's gay and lesbian populations. Thirty-five per cent of the district's voters live in the Gay Village.

Thutko, an openly gay candidate, expressed concern that no candidate has adequately addressed the issue. "I am concerned that elected members are refusing to deal with problems like racism and gay-bashing."

He said social justice is even more important to him than housing issues. "The most important issue is the question of mutual human rights."

According to Thutko, rather than attempting to stop gay-bash-

ing and racist attacks, City Hall is telling people to avoid them and not go out at night.

He expressed his dedication to serving as a voice for lobby groups within the district. "I will use my position as a forum to echo these agendas previously shut out of sight by city hall," he said.

Bourbonnais of Ecologie Montréal also said he is in touch with the gay community, himself also being gay. He also said he was committed to fighting for social justice.

But Thutko has expressed doubt whether Bourbonnais can adequately represent the gay and lesbian community in Centre-Sud. He said Bourbonnais only recently announced his sexual orientation only because it was politically expedient. "You can't be black one day and white the next," said Thutko. "The people in this community are not as hypocritical or short-sighted as to fall for that."

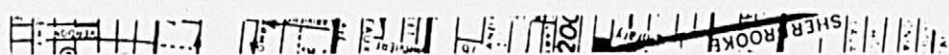
Eric Darier, Ecologie Montréal's information coordinator, defended Bourbonnais. He said Bourbonnais' coming out was not "a political ploy of any sort."

Watters maintained that he is as in touch with the gay and lesbian community as much as any other candidate. "You don't have to be gay to be outraged at police

**FROM THE THREE-DECADE RULE OF AUTOCRATIC DESPOT
JEAN DRAPEAU TO THE BUSINESS-AS-USUAL
ADMINISTRATION OF PRESENT MAYOR JEAN DORÉ,
MONTRÉAL'S MUNICIPAL POLITICS ARE AMONG THE
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**THE NOVEMBER 1 BY-ELECTION IN THE ST-JACQUES WARD
(OTHERWISE KNOWN AS CENTRE-SUD) IS SHAPING UP TO BE
A MICROCOSM OF MANY OF MONTRÉAL'S POLITIC ILLS. BUT
THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW REFRESHING DEVELOPMENTS.**

brutality and raids," said Watters, "I'll denounce it if it happens again."

Civic party candidate Forcillo said gay and lesbian issues do not play a significant part in his campaign. He preferred to focus on "cleaning up" the district's drugs and prostitution. His proposals include mobilizing citizens to "take back their district".

Congestion and unemployment

Bourbonnais, of Ecologie Montréal, professed the need for strong links between social and environmental issues in order to achieve an environmentally-friendly society. He proposed the formation of small residential islands with restricted thoroughfare. He said this would reduce congestion caused by the district's limited parking facilities.

Forcillo also expressed concern about the parking problem in the district. He blamed the problem on the City's limited vision and a poor planning strategy.

Bourbonnais' Green platform has been criticized for placing the green issue too high above other issues—namely the high unemployment rate in the district.

"They (Ecologie Montréal) have not adequately addressed

how to deal with environmental concerns and economic issues," said Demers-Godley.

Darier disagreed. "One of Mr. Bourbonnais' main platforms is to work on attracting environmentally-friendly jobs."

Civic candidate Forcillo stressed that because of the high unemployment rate, a priority was attracting small and medium businesses. "We must concentrate on revitalising the commercial industry to create jobs," said Forcillo.

Darier said Bourbonnais also plans to employ more local residents. One such program involves the part-time employment of people with AIDS to work in service-oriented jobs. Darier said this will not only help stimulate growth but also provide a valuable service to many residents.

split vote, Civic win?

Many community activists fear a Civic Party win due to the split caused between Thutko's and Bourbonnais' progressive platforms.

Forcillo has strong roots in the community and may be able to build on this for a win.

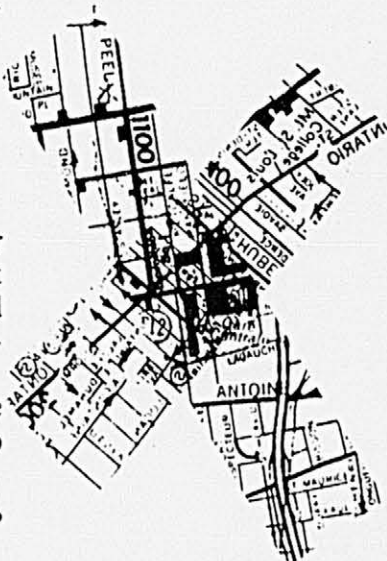
Calling himself "homegrown",

the forty-one year old resident claims he has the necessary support to win. His affiliations with the local sports associations and with other social organizations have given him a solid base in the electorate.

"I know I will win," said Forcillo. "The city needs experience, a public leader in the district."

But Thutko said the Civic Party is finished in Centre-Sud because of the party's bad record during the Drapeau years. Successive Drapeau administrations stunted the growth of the Gay Village with restrictive development bylaws.

Darier agreed. "I don't think anyone will want to go back to the Drapeau years," he said.



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Realism or Racism?

Opinion by Melanie Newton

Last week, my psychology professor, Don Donderi, showed a documentary film, 'Rewards and Reinforcements', made by the Cincinnati Public Schools system in either the late 1960s or early 1970s. Until that day, I had the highest respect for him.

The film began with the narrator introducing a scene of Black 4th graders, saying something like "In an environment of poverty and deprivation where there is a non-culture which is not conducive to learning..."

Shortly thereafter, the film showed a child living in a dilapidated apartment with his young mother and about six or seven brothers and sisters. This scene opened with the words: "These children come from an environment of poverty where the parents themselves do not read..."

The film also intermittently depicted a cute, white two-year-old who was learning to tie her shoelace. For every correct step she was given a token to ride on a hobby horse. For learning to read and write the nine and ten year old African-Americans were being given candy. Oh, the joys of equality!

The film by itself was insulting enough, but Donderi didn't leave it at that. When a white student asked if he found the film racist, Donderi replied, "No, I don't. This is how it is." REALLY?!

After the class, my friends and I approached Donderi, saying that as Black students we found this offensive.

What did he reply?

"Well, I'm sorry, but that's too bad. The film wasn't intended to be racist. It is, after all, an old film."

"This film may be upsetting, but this is how it is," he told us.

"This is the reality of the situation in the inner cities of America. You have to deal with realities. I try to deal with realities and I would advise you to do the same."

My dear Professor Donderi, this is not the reality of the situation. 31 per cent of African Americans live below the poverty line, not 100 per cent. The image which the film portrays is the kind of image that for generations, has given students a one-sided view of the lives of African-Americans. What is truly sad is that at least some of your white students, after seeing that film will go out into the world, believing that all African Americans must be given Hershey bars everyday to become productive members of society.

You, as an educated and apparently intelligent man, should have had enough sense not to have the unmitigated gall to look at three Black women who are living in an increasingly racist community, and say to them "You have to deal in reality."

I can't believe that you have been showing this film to people for years, and it never once occurred to you that in this day and age, when Black people are trying to uplift their communities and raise self-awareness, that projecting this kind of negative one-sided image is a step backwards. I would like to tell you, as an EXTREMELY offended Black student, I did not get into McGill by being given candy for learning to spell. I did not pay my money so I could hear you blythely insulting both me and my entire race. It is time to discontinue the use of this film, Professor Donderi. Segregation is over. The 60s are passed. Follow your own advice and "Deal With Reality".



h y d e p a r k

More on the Constitution

Opinion by Tom Waters

Before you vote on October 26 on the issue of the constitution, I would like to put a couple of things in perspective for your benefit.

This constitutional proposal is a crucial key in creating a responsible and effective senate. The befuddled tottering old farts that plague the senate of today, who make it ineffective, irresponsible and quite frankly a poor pathetic joke, will no longer exist. It will be replaced by a powerful, efficient apparatus that will counter the almost absolute power the PM and his cabinet have enjoyed up until now.

These proposals will also give Natives their deserved piece of the pie. Think about it, they will be a self-

governing body, a third level of government. Canada will be the leader in fair treatment to indigenous peoples across the world. It will be bigger than the fall of the Berlin wall.

But there is this distinct society clause for Québec we have to contend with. If you vote yes, you'll be condoning the mechanism that allows Québec to issue policies that go against basic human rights. I'm talking about the non-withstanding clause that trampled on the rights of Asians, Italians and other minority groups that now cannot put up a sign in their own language.

Bourassa with a sweep of his hand has done what Preston Manning is dying to do. He has stuck a knife in

the back of multiculturalism. How was this justified? Believe it or not, but with only two words, collective rights.

The fate of Canada rests in your hands. You will have to ask yourself if the the pros outweigh the cons and then cast your vote. I leave you with a quote from our old P.M. Pierre Elliot Trudeau.

"Can Quebecers of whatever origin choose to renounce their heritage and origin so as to share with "old stock" Quebecers the protection wrought from the french collectivity? Or are we dealing with a frankly racist notion that makes second or third class citizens of everyone but "old stock" Quebecers?"

All readers are welcome to submit letters under 300 words. Add your name, program, year and telephone number. Anonymity can be provided; talk to an editor beforehand. Opinions can be expressed in the form of a Hyde Park, no more than 500 words.



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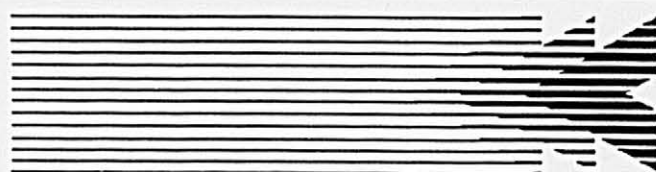
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